To what extent should national interest be pursued?

Starting with a question related to each period, WW II and/or Cold War, should allow you to isolate specific research material. Once the question has been researched, it can be turned into a focused thesis statement that will dominate the first paragraph of the paper:

In your essay, you are to create a focused thesis statement and prove the thesis in the body of the paper, providing ample “evidence” from unbiased sources such as original source documents, text and or internet findings.

**Reminders for Essay Writing**

* Plan your essay – two key parts – research question and focused thesis statement
* Focus on the issue under discussion
* Establish a focused thesis statement that will direct and unify your essay
* Organize your essay in a manner that will best defend your position
* Defend you position with supportive and specific evidence drawn from your knowledge of social studies and your research
* Edit and proofread your writing

**Evaluation**

Explore the issue or research question by demonstrating an understanding of its significance and complexity \_\_\_3.5/5

Take and defend the focused thesis statement on the

Issue by developing and organizing logical and

persuasive arguments 8.5/10

Select, accurately develop, and apply relevant social

studies examples to support their position 9/10

Communicate clearly and effectively by using appropriate

vocabulary, organization and correct conventions of 4*I5*

language.

TOTAL 25/30

**TEACHER'S COMMENTS**